

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 1, 4-11 and 22 have been cancelled (along with previously cancelled claims 2, 3 and 14-18). In addition, claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 22. Furthermore, the claims have been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4-13 and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,493,758 to McLain in view of U.S. Patent 6,643,510 to Taylor, and further in view of U.S. Pat. App. Publ. No. 2001/0055978 A1 to Herrod et al.

The McLain patent discloses offline viewing of Internet content with a mobile device in which a person is able to download information from a content provide via the Internet, convert the downloaded information to a particular format, and store this information on a mobile device for subsequent off-line viewing.

The Taylor patent discloses a mobile platform real time availability and content scheduling system and method, in which a passenger on, e.g., the aircraft is able to access a desired channel of television programming, access a desired website, access his/her email, or perform a wide variety of other tasks independently of the other users on board the aircraft (col. 5, lines 57-67). The amount of information may be limited by the operator (airline company) of the aircraft (col. 4, lines 14-30).

The Herrod et al. patent publication discloses a portable data terminal and cradle in which, in one embodiment, the portable data terminal includes a mobile device 500 having an interface port 502 for receiving a card 504 capable of accessing the Internet. The card 504 may then transmit data to an access point 522 to which a client PC 526 is connected via an Ethernet backbone 524, thereby enabling the mobile device 500 to communicate with the client PC.

The subject invention, as claimed in claim 12 includes "at a transit terminal that includes one of an airport, a spaceport, a boat dock, a train station, and a bus stop, providing access for the individual over an information network to a repository hosting the information content", "at the transit terminal, enabling to transfer the information content over the network between the repository and a mobile storage medium", "assigning a traveling location to the individual in a means of transportation constituting the communication-restricted environment, the means of transportation including the mobile storage medium at said assigned traveling location", and "providing to the individual, at the assigned traveling location, access to the information content in the communication-restricted environment using the mobile storage medium". As such, an individual is able to select desired information at the transit terminal, send this information to a mobile storage device at the individual's assigned seating location aboard the means of transportation having a communication-restricted environment, and access this information while aboard the means of transportation using the mobile storage medium. It

should be understood that the individual is not in possession of the mobile storage medium, but rather, the mobile storage medium is included in the means of transportation.

According to the Examiner:

"McLain-Taylor-Herrod discloses at a transit terminal, providing access over an information network to a repository hosting the information content; at the transit terminal, enabling to transfer the information content over the network between the repository and a mobile storage medium, (McLain, col. 3, line 40 - col. 4, line 53 and Taylor, Summary); "assigning a traveling location to the individual in a means of transportation (such as an assigned seat on an airplane), the means of transportation including the mobile storage medium; and, providing at the assigned traveling location an apparatus to enable the individual to access the information content (Taylor, col. 5, lines 54-67)."

Applicant submits that the Examiner is mistaken. In particular, McLain only enables a person to access information for storage in the person's own mobile device. While Taylor discloses information being provided to a mobile storage device at the assigned seat location of an individual while in transit, there is no disclosure that the individual has any control of this information to be viewed in transit while the means of transportation is at the terminal. Hence, a combination of McLain and Taylor would lead to an individual downloading select content at the terminal into the individual's own mobile device and the ability to connect the mobile device to the on-line network of Taylor. While Herrod et al. discloses a mobile device with a docking station enabling transmission of information, it is not

seen how this is relevant to McLain and Taylor, and how it is germane to the claimed invention.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the subject invention, as claimed, is not rendered obvious by the prior art, either individually or collectively, and as such, is patentable thereover.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 12, 13, 19-21 and 23-27, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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